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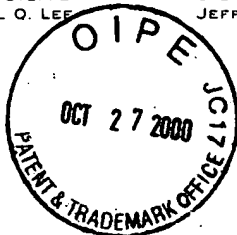
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2. PTO-Form 1449 citing references (AA1, AB1, AL1-AP1, AR1, AL2-AP2, AL3-AN3);
3. Copies of (16) sixteen references cited on the PTO-Form 1449;
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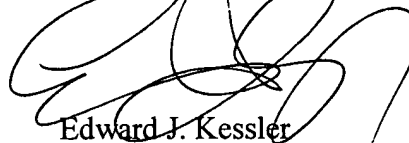
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Respectfully submitted,

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